



## **Kern County Sheriff's Office Policies and Procedures**

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| <b>TITLE: UNIFORM SPECIFICATIONS - RANK INSIGNIA</b> |                                | <b>NO: K-302</b>              |                               |
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### **Sheriff-Coroner**

- Insignia for Sheriff-Coroner shall be four (4) gold-colored, metal, five-point stars, each with a smooth finish, and connected together.
- Jacket
  - 5/8" diameter stars with pin and safety catch type fasteners.
  - Worn on the top of each shoulder directly over the shoulder seam. Outermost point of outermost star aligned with inboard shoulder strap seam. On jackets with no epaulet, the star shall be centered on the shoulder between the shoulder seam and the edge of the collar.
  - Refer to Figure K-302-1.
- Uniform Shirt
  - 5/8" diameter five-point stars with smooth finish, attached to a straight metal bar fitted with two clutch type metal fasteners.
  - Attached to the shirt collars.
  - One point of each star shall point upwards in such a manner that a line bisecting the stars will be parallel to the top edge of the collar.
  - They shall be centered between the top and bottom edges of the collar.
  - The center of the front star shall be one inch in from the front edge of the collar.
  - Refer to Figure K-302-2.
- The visor of the Class A Uniform Cap shall have a design of two arcs of gold nylon thread oak leaves embroidered on the top.
- The Sheriff's Office stripe and the service stripes on the Class A jacket sleeves shall be solid gold in color.
- The chinstrap on the cap and helmet shall be solid gold in color.
- The Sheriff's Office badge and cap piece shall have a top banner reading "Sheriff."
  - In place of a badge number shall be four royal blue enamel five-point stars.

### **Undersheriff**

- Insignia for Undersheriff shall be three (3) gold-colored, metal, five-point stars, each with a smooth finish, and connected together.
- Jacket
  - 5/8" diameter stars with pin and safety catch type fasteners.

- Worn on the top of each shoulder directly over the shoulder seam. Outermost point of outermost star aligned with inboard shoulder strap seam. On jackets with no epaulet, the star shall be centered on the shoulder between the shoulder seam and the edge of the collar.
- Refer to Figure K-302-1
- Uniform Shirt
  - 5/8” diameter stars with smooth finish, attached to a straight metal bar fitted with two clutch type metal fasteners.
  - Attached to the shirt collars.
  - One point of each star shall point upwards in such a manner that a line bisecting the stars will be parallel to the top edge of the collar.
  - They shall be centered between the top and bottom edges of the collar.
  - The center of the front star shall be one inch from the front edge of the collar.
  - Refer to Figure K-302-2.
- The visor of the Class A Uniform Cap shall have a design of two arcs of gold nylon thread oak leaves embroidered on the top.
- The Sheriff’s Office stripe and the service stripes on the Class A jacket sleeves shall be solid gold in color.
- The chinstrap on the cap and helmet shall be solid gold in color.
- The Sheriff’s Office badge and cap piece shall have a top banner reading "Undersheriff."
  - In place of a badge number shall be three royal blue enamel five-point stars.

**Chief Deputy**

- Insignia for Chief Deputy shall be two (2) gold-colored, metal, five-point stars, each with a smooth finish, and connected together.
- Jacket
  - 5/8” diameter stars with pin and safety catch type fasteners.
  - Worn on the top of each shoulder directly over the shoulder seam. Outermost point of outermost star aligned with inboard shoulder strap seam. On jackets with no epaulet, the star shall be centered on the shoulder between the shoulder seam and the edge of the collar.
  - Refer to Figure K-302-1
- Uniform Shirt
  - 5/8” diameter stars with smooth finish, attached to a straight metal bar fitted with two clutch type metal fasteners.
  - Attached to the shirt collars.
  - One point of each star shall point upwards in such a manner that a line bisecting the stars will be parallel to the top edge of the collar.

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- They shall be centered between the top and bottom edges of the collar.
- The center of the front star shall be one inch from the front edge of the collar.
- Refer to Figure K-302-2.
- The visor of the Class A Uniform Cap shall have a design of two arcs of gold nylon thread oak leaves embroidered on the top.
- The Sheriff's Office stripe and the service stripes on the Class A jacket sleeves shall be solid gold in color.
- The chinstrap on the cap and helmet shall be solid gold in color.
- The Sheriff's Office badge and cap piece shall have a top banner reading "Chief Deputy."
  - In place of a badge number shall be two royal blue enamel five-point stars.

**Commander**

- The insignia for Commander shall be a single gold-colored metal, five-point star with a smooth finish.
- Jacket
  - 3/4" diameter star with pin and catch type metal fasteners.
  - Worn on the top of each shoulder directly over the shoulder seam. The star shall be centered on the epaulet between the button and inner epaulet seam with two points of the star parallel with the front edge of the epaulet. On jackets with no epaulet, the star shall be centered on the shoulder between the shoulder seam and the edge of the collar.
  - Refer to Figure K-302-1
- Uniform Shirt
  - 3/4" diameter star with pin and catch type metal fasteners.
  - Centered on the front edge of the collar with two points of the star parallel with the front edge of the collar.
  - The center of the star shall be 3/4-inches from the front edge of the collar.
  - Refer to Figure K-302-2.
- The visor of the Class A Uniform Cap shall have a design of two arcs of gold nylon thread oak leaves embroidered on the top.
- The Sheriff's Office stripe and the service stripes on the Class A jacket sleeves shall be solid gold in color.
- The chinstrap on the cap and helmet shall be solid gold in color.
- The Sheriff's Office badge and cap piece shall have a top banner reading "Commander."

**Lieutenant**

- The insignia for Lieutenant shall be a single gold colored metal bar.

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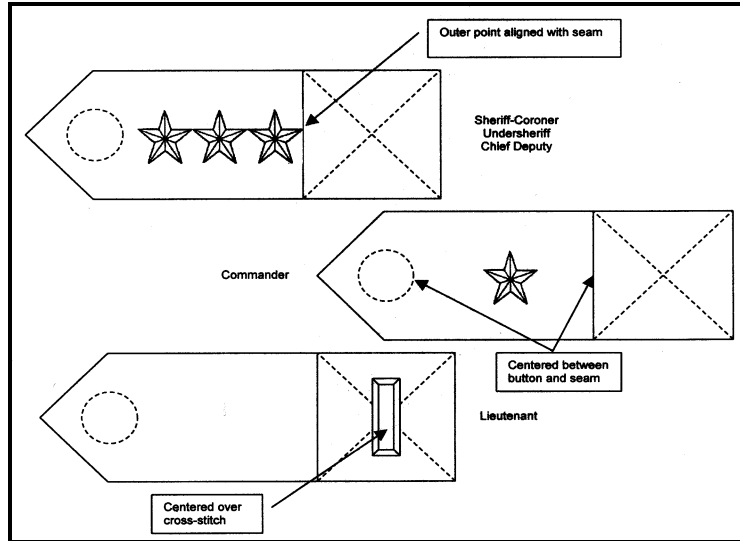
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- Jacket
  - The insignia worn on the jacket shall be 1” long by 3/8” wide. It shall be fitted with two clutch type fasteners.
  - One bar shall be worn on each shoulder of the jacket, parallel to the shoulder seam and centered over the “X” formed by the cross-stitching at the outside end of the epaulet.
  - Refer to Figure K-302-1.
- Uniform Shirt:
  - The insignia worn on the uniform shirt shall ¾” long by ¼” wide. It shall be fitted with two clutch type metal fasteners.
  - One bar shall be worn on each side of the shirt collar, parallel to and inset ½” from the leading edge of the collar and centered on the collar flap.
  - Refer to Figure K-302-2.
- The visor of the Class A Uniform Cap shall have a design of two arcs of gold nylon thread oak leaves embroidered on the top.
- The Sheriff’s Office stripe and the service stripes on the Class A jacket sleeves shall be solid gold in color.
- The chinstrap on the cap and helmet shall be solid gold in color.
- Top banner, badge and cap piece:
  - Deputy Sheriff:
    - The Sheriff’s Office badge and cap piece shall have a top banner reading “Lieutenant.”
  - Detentions Deputy:
    - The Sheriff’s Office cap piece shall have a top banner reading "Detentions Lieutenant."
    - The Sheriff’s Office badge shall have a top banner reading “Lieutenant” and bottom banner of “Detentions”

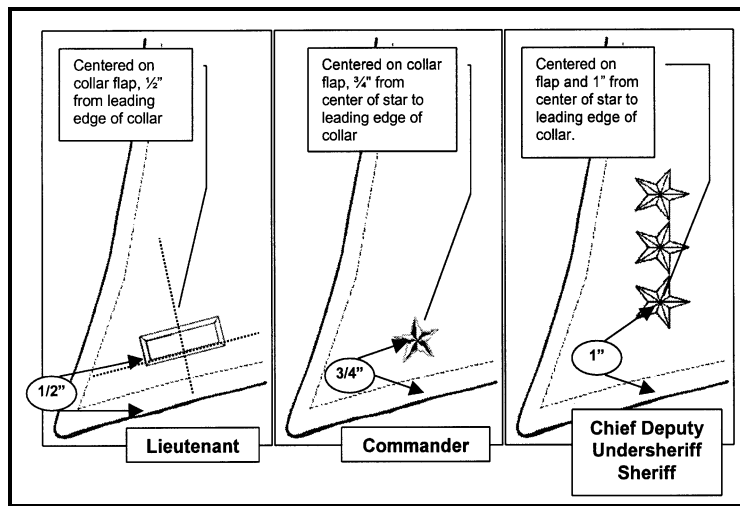
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**Figure K-302-1**  
Jacket Insignia  
(Drawing not to scale.)



**Figure K-302-2**  
Uniform Shirt  
Insignia  
(Drawing not to scale.)



**Sergeant**

- The Sergeant's insignia shall be a chevron of three stripes, each stripe forming two sides of a triangle with the apex pointing up.
- Stripes are to be embroidered in nylon thread and are to be machine stitched onto a black colored, 100% wool backing. 3/16 inch of the backing to show between each stripe and as a border completely around the three stripes.
- Class A Uniform Jacket
  - Chevrons, Sheriff's Office Stripe and Service Stripe on Class A Uniform jacket shall be solid gold in color.
- Class B Uniform jackets and Uniform Shirt
  - Chevrons shall be 1/4" wide; each leg of the chevron shall be 2 inches long.
    - Deputy Sheriff
      - Each stripe shall be red in color, bordered with gold.

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- Detentions Deputy
      - Each stripe shall be red in color, bordered with gold.
- Chevrons are to be centered on each sleeve below the shoulder patch, with one inch separating the shoulder patch and chevron.
- The chinstrap on cap and helmet shall be solid gold in color.
- Top banner, badge and cap piece:
  - Deputy Sheriff:
    - The Sheriff’s Office badge and cap piece shall have a top banner reading “Sergeant.”
  - Detentions Deputy:
    - The Sheriff’s Office cap piece shall have a top banner reading "Detentions Sergeant."
    - The Sheriff’s Office badge shall have a top banner reading “Sergeant” and bottom banner of “Detentions”

**Senior Deputy, Detentions Senior Deputy**

- Senior Deputy and Senior Detention Deputy insignia shall be a chevron of two stripes with each stripe forming two sides of a triangle with the apex pointing up.
  - Deputy Sheriff:
    - Each stripe shall be red in color, bordered with gold.
  - Detentions Deputy:
    - Each stripe shall be red in color, bordered with gold.
- Stripes are to be embroidered in nylon thread and are to be machine stitched onto a black colored 100% wool backing, 1/8” of the backing to show between each stripe, and completely around the chevron as a border.
- Chevrons are to be attached to each sleeve, centered one inch below the shoulder patch.
- Chevrons will be the same for all shirts and jackets.
- The chinstrap of cap and helmet shall be solid silver in color.
- The Sheriff’s Office Stripe and Service Stripe shall be red with gold trim.
- Top banner, badge and cap piece:
  - Deputy Sheriff:
    - The Sheriff’s Office badge and cap piece shall have a top banner reading “Senior Deputy.”
  - Detentions Deputy:
    - The Sheriff’s Office badge shall have a top banner reading “Senior Deputy” and bottom banner of “Detentions.”

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- The Sheriff's Office cap piece shall have a top banner reading "Detentions Senior"

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